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RATS IN RICHMOND

The people of Virginia read with alarm the news that rats in a Richmond hospital were bitten by rats. The prompt investigation into what actually happened is commendable. However, the problem of how cities and towns can rid themselves of rats is not easily solved. Like wise, we read with alarm that mad dogs are on the loose in Washington. Reports indicate that there are thousands of unlicensed dogs on the loose in Washington. That is probably true in every large city.

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GERMAN GLOOM; AMERICAN OPTIMISM

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On our side, the opposite is happening. Few Americans believe that the war against Germany will last beyond next spring, and many of them feel that the war with Japan was never so serious a matter. We are so confident of an early victory that we are more interested in the local American scene than in the inch by inch advance of our troops. We are even getting excited this far in advance over electing a president in November, 1944.

The unexpected frequently happens. These hunches may be panicky. But hard military facts are little more than hunches. The war will be over before 1946. We hope and pray for an early end of hostilities, but we should not be lulled by false optimism. He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a very poor leader.

UP PROGRESS HILL

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War is the greatest obstacle to progress. It burdens the people with such heavy debts that they have to curtail the expenditures that should be made for education and social welfare. Vast amounts go for guns and ammunition which should go toward schools and youth centers, where young people learn how to use the tools of life.

There is no way to immediately remove this obstacle. The countries that want peace need to maintain heavy armaments, to keep the war loving governments quiet. The sufferings of the warring nations have been so severe in this war, that that passion should quiet down so that in time the heavy armaments can be reduced.

Industrial depressions have been a very hard obstacle. People get a little money ahead, and then a business slump comes and they have to spend their reserves. Many of them lose their homes and farms, and they lose purchasing power. That reduces employment in business, and the country loses ground gained in prosperous times. There should be enough power in business and government to help the industries to operate regularly.

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Lesson for October 31

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BIBLE TEACHINGS ON
ABSTINENCE

(International Temperance Sunday)

LESSON TEXT—Leviticus 19: 1, 2, 8: 11.
Proverbs 20: 1, 2, 9: 11.
GOLDEN TEXT—Beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine or strong drink.

Total abstinence from all alcoholic liquors is the only sensible and effective policy for Christian people. Some, who want to use alcohol themselves, like to stress the Bible's teaching of temperance. They point to the verses on the use of wine in biblical times, although they fail to note that more often than not it was non-alcoholic. (See "The Bible and Wine," published by L. O. Brown, Inc., New York.)

Another thing they ignore is that we live in a different day than the Bible was written. The Bible's teaching of temperance is not a mechanical society, where alcoholic beverages are offered through high priced advertising and in highly profane and potent form. What we are most interested in is the Bible's teaching of temperance. We note that:

Abstinence is Necessary
I. For Spiritual Obstacles (Lev. 19: 1, 2, 8: 11).
In religious life of a nation one expects the leaders to set the example for the people to follow. Two things we may rightly demand of those who serve the nation in its religious life: (1) a vision of God and obedience to that vision in life and service; and (2) the exercise of sound, God-guided judgment in the affairs of the people.

But note what happens when the prophet and the priest turn to wine and strong drink. They err in vision and in judgment. They are not clear centers of divine truth, and lead the people to error. Further, we are that "they stumble in judgment." To every true servant of God comes the opportunity and the need of rendering judgment. It is of advising and counseling those to whom he ministers. If his advice is heeded, it is a blessing; if not, it is a curse. It is a kind of worldly judgment he will "stumble" and cause his people to stumble.

At no time is religion in Leviticus 19: 1, 2, of the sons of Aaron. We are not told directly that they were intoxicated, but it is implied in the fact that there is an immediate injunction against the use of wine by the priests (Lev. 19: 8).

It is a notorious fact that the liquor interests strongly influence the political life of a nation. (See "The Wrecking of the 18th Amendment," by Ernest Gordon.)
While political leaders may make sanctimonious professions that government agencies are not influenced by the liquor interests, it is common knowledge even to those who are slightly informed that the two are closely associated.

The result of that unholy alliance is rightly described in Proverbs 31: 5: "They forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted." Much of the sad disorder in the body politic is traceable directly to the door of the makers and sellers of alcoholic beverages.

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III. For Personal Usefulness (Lev. 19: 1, 2).
John was to be born into a life of such blessed usefulness to God and man that he was to be a "joy and gladness" to his parents, "great in the sight of the Lord," and instrumental in turning "many of the children of Israel" to the Lord.

Such a life is worthy of emulation on the part of every young man and woman. What is the secret of it? Undoubtedly, fine Christian parentage, such as reaching and training, but of most importance was the fact that John was to be a "joy and gladness" to his parents, "great in the sight of the Lord," and instrumental in turning "many of the children of Israel" to the Lord.

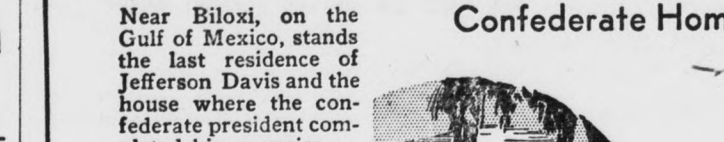
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Let us bear that in mind when we are tempted to be led astray by the smooth arguments of those who talk of "moderation" and "prudence." Our men and women need a constant warning against the evils of alcoholic liquor. (See Alcohol, a Deceitful Deceiver, by Moody Press, Chicago.)

BONDS OVER AMERICA

Near Bloxi, on the Gulf of Mexico, stands the last residence of Jefferson Davis and the house where the Confederate president completed his memoirs.

Beaumont now is a home for Confederate veterans.



Confederate Home

Defeated men may live in peace and honor under the Stars and Stripes, but under the crooked cross of Nazism there is only ignominy, persecution, death for those who will not bend the knee.

Keep On
Backing the Attack
With War Bonds

The Spout Spring home demonstration club will meet Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. C. Dillion and Mrs. J. G. Miller.

Mrs. Bertha Lane is spending the week-end with Mrs. A. C. Almond.

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Mrs. David E. Paulette, of Washington, D. C., and her wife, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mrs. E. L. Harvey spent the week-end in Covington with Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodbridge.

Mrs. Edward Moore, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting here.

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Mrs. E. E. Purdum is spending some time in Front Royal with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Stowell.

Hiram O'Brien, of Newport News spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. O'Brien.

Mrs. W. S. Bryant, of Cullen visited her sister, Mrs. T. U. Connor recently.

C. H. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Dinner guests in the same home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gasker, Nedra Baker, Mrs. Randolph Evans, Nancy Lee Evans, of Evergreen, Mrs. Mildred Lugo and children, of Pamplin.

Mrs. Corinne Paulette, and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette Friday night.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson, and son, W. W. of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey recently.

Lieutenant Lyle N. Garrett spent several days last week with his wife and children.

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